

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A tube ship includes at least three closed gas containers fastened into close lateral proximity to define an interstitial space between the containers which functions as a ship hold for retaining cargo, crew or passengers. The gas containers preferably are all tubes having substantially circular cross-sections and preferably being fastened together by a looped outer skin of sheet wrap material, which also protects the tubes from damaging sunlight and from high speed water friction. The tubes are filled with helium to provide extreme buoyancy and also function as the overall framework of the ship. A high power turbine motor preferably drives the ship so that the hull hydroplanes.